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SUBJECT: GULF DAILY NEWS ARTICLE CLAIMS TORTURE OF BAHRAINII
GTMO DETAINEE

Classified by DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) While there have been previous press reports on the six Bahraini detainees at Guantanamo, their "imminent" release, and complaints about conditions there, a February 10 article in the English-language Gulf Daily News is perhaps one of the more detailed and widely disseminated "expose" pieces on this issue appearing in the Bahraini press recently. While we cannot comment on the validity of the claims made, we are flagging the prominence this article has received and what is being said by one of the detainees. The GOB has not approached the Embassy about the article.

2. (U) English-language daily the Gulf Daily News February 10 reported that Bahraini detainee at GTMO Juma Mohammed Al Dossary was tortured by U.S. soldiers in Kandahar, Afghanistan shortly after being captured in December 2001. (Note: The Al Dossary family is close to the ruling Al Khalifa family. There are Al Dossarys who live in both Bahrain and the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. End Note.) The story, titled "Torture Horror of Bahraini Detainee" and written by Robert Smith, ran under a photograph of a group of orange jumpsuit-clad detainees being guarded while kneeling along the perimeter of a chain link fence and a photo of Al Dossary dressed in a blue sweater talking on the phone during "his days as a student in the U.S." The article is available on the Internet at:
[http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/arc Articles.asp? \(URL continues below\)](http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/arc Articles.asp? (URL continues below) Article=103999&Sn=BNEW&IssueID=27327)
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3. (U) The claim of torture was made by Joshua Colangelo-Bryan, an American attorney representing the six Bahraini detainees in GTMO who visited the facility in October 2004. According to Colangelo-Bryan, Al Dossary spent two weeks at a Kandahar camp where U.S. soldiers forced him to walk barefoot on broken glass and pushed his head into the glass before interrogating him. Colangelo-Bryan alleged that Al Dossary was shocked with an electric device on his face and back during interrogation and had boiling liquid, possibly tea, poured over his head. On one occasion, he was beaten to the point of fainting, and he claims that when he regained consciousness, he was lying on the ground with his head under a soldier's boot. After being subject to beatings and a "violent cavity search," Colangelo-Bryan claims that Al Dossary "began to offer to do anything requested of him - such as admit to being a terrorist or sign a statement - in the hope of preventing further beatings."

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